



NEWS RELEASE
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United States Attorney Joe Stecher and the United States Postal Service announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release: Peter Lamers was sentenced by the Honorable Joseph F. Bataillon, United States District Chief Judge, to 60 months in prison followed by a 3 year term of Supervised Release, and a \$100 Special Assessment, after having been convicted of Mail Fraud.

During the period from February, 2000, through December 17, 2007, the Defendant perpetrated a work at home scheme that defrauded approximately 21,000 victims. As part of the scheme, the Defendant mailed solicitation letters to thousands of individuals throughout the United States offering a business opportunity to work at home as a "home mail processor" which supposedly involved the stuffing and mailing of envelopes. He represented they would be paid \$2.00 for each envelope stuffed and mailed. Once the Defendant received the registration fee of \$34.00, he would send each victim a "home mail processing" instructional starter kit. Upon the receipt of the starter kit, the registrants learned that the "mail processing" was, in fact, not an envelope stuffing operation, but required far more work, including the posting of advertisements throughout the community which solicited new potential "work at home" business candidates for the defendant.

The Defendant falsely advised the registrants they would get paid on a weekly basis. He also authored false testimonials of supposedly satisfied clients. The defendant also represented that the registration fee was fully refundable when, in truth and in fact, very rarely were refunds of any registration fees made to the victims. As a result of the Defendant's scheme, approximately 21,000 victims suffered a total loss of approximately \$700,000.00.

Name of Defendant: Peter Lamers

Age: 44

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Mail Fraud (20 years imprisonment, not

more than a \$250,000 fine, not more than a 3 year term of Supervised Release, and a \$100 Special Assessment)

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Nation wide

Location of Arrest: N/A

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: N/A

Others Charged in Same Scheme: N/A

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: February 1, 2000 - December 17, 2007

Federal Arrest Date: N/A

Date Complaint Issued: N/A

Indictment Returned Date: May 22, 2008

Initial Appearance Date: June 18, 2008

Plea or Trial Date(s): Plea - October 1, 2008

Sentencing Date: January 9, 2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: N/A

Assigned Magistrate Judge: F. A. Gossett

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: N/A

In Continuous Custody Since: N/A

Assigned District Court Judge: Joseph F. Bataillon

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